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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Tagged scale-inhibiting polymers, compositions comprised thereof and preventing or controlling scale formation therewith, the tagging units being units deriving from a monomer having the formula  $X_2C=CY Y'$  wherein X is a hydrogen atom, or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl radical, Y is a hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl radical, Y' is a radical having formula —L-Arom, wherein L is a covalent bond or a divalent organic linking group optionally comprising heteroatoms, and Arom is a group comprising at least two conjugated aromatic rings, said rings comprising conjugated carbon atoms, and, linked to said carbon atoms, hydrogen atoms or other substituents.